



CALTRANS TRAFFIC ALERT

Today's Date: Monday, March 30, 2009 #09-057

District: District 3 – Marysville, <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3>

Jody Jones, District Director

Contact: Eric Alvarez at eric_alvarez@dot.ca.gov

Phone: 530-741-5474

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Ramp Meters Being Activated Today Interstate 80 - Del Paso Heights area of Sacramento

(Sacramento) – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced this morning that it will activate new ramp meters at the Winters Street on-ramp leading to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 80. The ramp meters will operate during the weekday afternoon commute only. The schedule will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning today.

Ramp meters improve freeway congestion by controlling traffic demand so freeway capacity is not exceeded. They are an inexpensive tool allowing traffic to enter the freeway at a rate dependent on the conditions of the traffic flow. Although a typical driver might be delayed at the meter, overall travel and freeway speeds are improved.

Other benefits include: 1) better use of the entire freeway's width, 2) higher efficiency along the entire freeway's length, 3) a shortened traffic peak period, and 4) a reduced number of accidents in the vicinity of the meter's installation.

As always motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through any construction area and to please "Slow For the Cone Zone".

###

**SLOW FOR THE
CONE ZONE**
C A L T R A N S